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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Anish Desai

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1,18, and 19 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising "HFP, CTFE, and TFE". Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.
2. Claims 6, 25, and 45 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising "cyclohexyl vinyl ether, 4-hydroxybutyl vinyl ether, ethyl vinyl ether, methyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, 4-hydroxyethyl methacrylamide, glyceryl methacrylamide, acrolein, butyl vinyl ether, propionic vinyl ether, α - α -dimethylpropionic vinyl ether ". Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.
3. Claims 11,28, and 48 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising "polymethacrylate, polyvinyl acetate, polycarbonate, polyurethane, polyester, polyimide, poly(butylene terephthalate), or polystyrene ". Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.
4. Claims 13, 33, and 50 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising "ethyl acetate, acetone, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone, 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, dimethyl sulfoxide, dimethylformamide". Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

5. Claim 19 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising "polyethylene, polypropylene, poly(butylene terephthalate), polytetrafluoroethylene, poly(tetrafluoroethylene/ethylene), or polystyrene". Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.
6. Claim 20 is generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising "film, plate, or, nonwoven or woven fiber". Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.
7. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.
8. Due to the complexity involved in the species restriction, a telephone call was made to the attorney/agent to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement.
9. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

10. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anish Desai whose telephone number is 571-272-6467. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached on 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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